

Comfortable Nevves from **B R E D A**, In a **L E T T E R** to a Person of Honour.

My LORD,



Read your last Letter to a Friend of mine very neer his *Majesties* Person, and gave it him to peruse by himself, or shew it, if he thought fit. He told me your Lordships account of *Affairs* in *England*. As it is, in itself, very satisfactory, so it well agrees with severall Letters and Relations from others, and confirms our hope, That his *Majesties* undoubted Right, will shortly be in *signal manner*, attested and asserted, by the *universal suffrage* of the *People of England* in *Parliament*: And that after long *Oppression*, we shall once more flourish under a *King*, for all *Vertues*, requisite in the *Greatest Prince*, I dare say inferior to none of his *Predecessors*. Many passages, in your Letter my Friend observed, but one above all the rest, (*viz*, The summe of many disaffected Persons, and jealousie, even of some of our *Friends*, That the *King*, in his late great *Extremities*, either to procure some *Assistance*, or, perhaps a bare *Livelihood*, which then he wanted, may possibly be *Engaged*, in *Contracts* with *Foreign Princes*, altogether consistent with the true *English Interest*. This he thought, was not to be sleighted, in regard it seemed to carry with it much danger, and some colour: And therefore forthwith reported it to his Majesty, Who did me the Honor to take notice of it as my *Intelligence*, and assure me upon his *Royal word*, That he is so far from having *Contracted* with any *Prince*, to the prejudice of his *Countrie*, as he never yet in all his *Distresses*, entertained any *Treaty*, which would not become the best of *Protestants* and *English-men*; Or which, (had it been otherwise fit, he should not have wished, the whole *Nation* might have heard; That he stands obliged only upon the account of *hospitality* and great *Civility*, which, he hopes he shall shortly be in a condition to requite.

My Lord, since the *King* hath been pleased so far to condescend, as to trust me in a matter of such importance, I hold my self obliged in *Duty*, and *Gratitude* to his Majesty, in friendship and service to your Lordship, to transmit it to you, That your Lordship may (as I doubt not but you will) make your utmost use of it for his *Majesties* service; And surely, my Lord, you may do well industriously to Court Occasions of publishing, and propagating a *Newes* so Honourable to the *King*, so Significant to the *People*, so Seasonable to the *Time*, and Comfortable, I doubt not, to all *Loyall English* hearts: For, whether we reflect on the mighty *Providence* of *God*, who hath brought his Majesty out of a *fiery Furnace*, as it were, without the singeing of his *Hair* or *Cloathes*; Or, the incomparable *Vertue* of our *King*, who, next to his *Blessed Father*, deserves to be ever *Celebrated*, as the chiefest *Martyr* of his *Countrie*; Or our own *unmerited happiness* in such multiplied *Deliverances*, and especially in the injoyment of so *Excellent a Prince*, The thing is every way most considerable, and must needs appear so even to the meanest *Capacity*.

By the middle of the next Week, I intend, *God willing*, to wait on your Lordship at *London*, and shall then endeavour to satisfy your *Curiosity*. For the present this place affords little *publick Newes*, That being a *Commodity* now expected only from *England*, you will therefore, herein, excuse,

My LORD,

Your most humble, and affectionate Servant,

T. L.

Breda, April 26.
S. N. 1660.